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Australian National Soccer Team

The Australian Soccer Federation was re-formed in 1963 following the disbandment of the Old Association which had been controlling the game for approximately 50 years in Australia.

Up to this point of time an Australian National Team had never competed in the Jules Rimet Cup, and one of the prime objects of the new administration was to ensure that Australia competed in the future FIFA events and became recognised throughout the World as a soccer nation. In 1965 the Australian team competed in the qualifying matches of the World Cup, losing to the very strong North Korean team 6 : 1 and 3 : 1 in matches played in Phnom-Penh. The Korean team was outstanding and proved highly successful in the World Cup Finals which were played in England in 1966.

The Australian team and officials were not daunted by the defeats inflicted by North Korea and immediately preparation continued with a view to participating in the World Cup elimination matches which would be played in 1969. The Australian team embarked on a very successful tour of Asia in 1967 during which the team was undefeated, and the nucleus of the 1969 World Cup team was created.

The Australian team performed very well during 1969 to reach the very final stages of the elimination matches having defeated Japan, South Korea and Rhodesia along the way before finally falling to the very strong Israel team by the odd goal.

Following the 1969 campaign, the Federation realised that considerable finance was required to adequately prepare a National Soccer Team. Steps were immediately taken to obtain finance from major national sponsors, and accordingly, when Australia played World Cup elimination matches in 1973 the campaign was backed by sponsorship money in excess of \$A100,000.

The effect of this financial support and careful planning and preparation resulted in the Australian team reaching the Finals of the 1974 World Cup defeating New Zealand, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran and South Korea in the elimination matches.

It was generally felt that Australia competed admirably in Final Competition in West Germany, losing 2 : 0 to East Germany; 3 : 0 to West Germany; and drawing 0 : 0 against Chile.

The purpose of the current World Tour is to follow up the extensive series of preparation matches which have already been played in Australia by the new World Cup squad in order to prepare the Australian National Team adequately for the first round of elimination matches to be

played against New Zealand and the Republic of China in March, 1977. Australia's performances with its new World Cup squad in the recent season are listed as follows:

Australia	versus U.S.S.R.	in Perth	0 : 0
Australia	versus U.S.S.R.	in Adelaide	0 : 3
Australia	versus U.S.S.R.	in Melbourne	1 : 2
Australia	versus U.S.S.R.	in Brisbane	0 : 0
Australia	versus U.S.S.R.	in Sydney	2 : 3
Australia	versus Velez Mostar	in Sydney	2 : 2
Australia	versus New Zealand	in Auckland	1 : 0
Australia	versus New Zealand	in Melbourne	3 : 1
Australia	versus Tottenham Hotspur	in Sydney	2 : 3
Australia	versus Sunderland	in Sydney	3 : 4
Australia	versus Sunderland	in Melbourne	0 : 0
Australia	versus Hearts of Midlothian	in Sydney	2 : 1
Australia	versus Bologna	in Adelaide	3 : 0
Australia	versus Bologna	in Sydney	0 : 0
Australia	versus Hong Kong	in Canberra	0 : 1
Australia	versus Hong Kong	in Gosford	2 : 0

MR. JIM CONNELL is the Leader and Manager of the touring party. Mr. Connell has wide experience in this field, having acted in a similar capacity on many occasions.

Mr. Connell is an Executive Member of the Australian Soccer Federation, and he is also Chairman of the Board of the South Australian Soccer Federation, and also a Life Member of that organisation.



Welcome to our Visitors— The Australian Soccer Federation

ALLAN MAHER

Marconi Fairfield, N.S.W. Goalkeeper. Born 21/7/60. Height 6' 1", weight 11 stone. Australian born. Agile and has good hands. Reserve during the Munich World Cup, has waited patiently to obtain a first team place in the national side. Toured Indonesia with Under 23's. Occupation - maintenance fitter. Caps 1.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC

St. George-Budapest, N.S.W. Right back. Born 8/10/48. Height 5' 8", weight 10st. 7lb. Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and played in Melbourne before moving to Sydney. Probably the best ball-playing defender in Australia and a player with a wealth of experience. Played in the World Cup matches in 1974. Occupation - storeman. Caps 31.

PETER WILSON

Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Defender. Born 15/9/47. Height 6', weight 12st. 7lb. Australian captain, born in N.E. England and played professionally with Middlesbrough. A resolute defender and fine leader. Was Australia's best player at the World Cup in 1974. Caps 44.

RICHIE BELL

Pan Hellenic, N.S.W. Defender. Born 13/11/55. Height 6' 1½", weight 12st. 7lb. Australian born. Lanky university student who has shot to prominence this year with several outstanding displays against touring sides. Reminiscent of Jack Charlton, looks to be a natural in the Soccerro squad for years to come. Occupation - Optometry student. Caps 1.

HARRY WILLIAMS

St. George-Budapest, N.S.W. Left back. Born 7/5/51. Height 5' 9", weight 10st. 7lb. The first Aboriginal to represent Australia. First selected for 1970 World tour and a member of the World Cup squad in West Germany. A fast-moving attacking full back often unpredictable but always exciting. Occupation - Clerk. Caps 6.

DAVE HARDING

Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 14/8/46. Height 5' 10", weight 12st. Born in Liverpool, England, migrated in 1968 and a member of the World Cup squad in West Germany. A busy player with a dynamic shot who has scored several vital goals for Australia over the past 12 months. Occupation - Mail Officer. Caps 8.

AGENOR MUNIZ

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 24/6/49. Height 5' 7", weight 10st. 7lb. Brazilian born arriving in Australia in 1971. A brilliant midfield general with the ability to hold the ball under pressure and then release accurate long passes. Another who made his debut in the Russian series. Occupation - Gardener. Caps 8.

JIMMY ROONEY

APIA-Leichhardt, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 10/12/45. Height 5' 6", weight 10st. 12lb. A very experienced campaigner who performed with great credit in West Germany in 1974. Born in Dundee, Scotland, has played English and Scottish League. He arrived in Australia in 1968. His lack of stature is more than made up for by his skill and tenacity. Team vice captain. Occupation - Clerk. Caps 28.

JOHN KOSMINA

Polonia, South Australia. Forward. Born 17/8/66. Height 6' 10", weight 11st. 7lb. An exciting forward discovery who made his full international debut in August this year against Hong Kong. Australian born, he is a quick, skilful forward with a big future in international football. Occupation - student. Caps 1.

PETER OLLERTON

South Melbourne Hellas, Victoria. Forward. Born 20/6/51. Height 6' 1", weight 13st. 5lb. Born Lancashire, England. Powerful and dangerous striker, a member of the 1974 World Cup squad and a regular scorer for Australia in matches since then. Occupation - Sales Representative. Caps 12.

ATTI ABONYI

St. George-Budapest, N.S.W. Forward. Born 16/8/48. Height 5' 9", weight 10st. 7lb. Hungarian born and migrated to Australia at 11 years. Magnificent striker whose flashes of brilliance has captivated crowds over the years. Played in West Germany in 1974 and once again back in the squad after retiring for a year. Occupation - Tailor. Caps 44.

GARY BYRNE

Marconi Fairfield, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 19/7/54. Height 5' 8", weight 10st. 7lb. English born arriving in Australia at 12 years of age. Under 23 cap. He made his full international debut against Russia last year. A terrier in midfield excelling in marking and tackling, his attacking game has blossomed over recent matches. Very mobile and has a bright future in international football. Occupation - Survey Draftsman. Caps 5.

COLIN BENNETT

APIA-Leichhardt, N.S.W. Defender. Born 12/9/50. Height 6' 1", weight 13st. 5lb. Australian born. A powerful, uncompromising defender whose chief talents lie as a destroyer but who is emerging as a fine all-round defender improving with every game. Occupation - Electrician. Caps 9.

GEORGE HARRIS

St. George-Budapest, N.S.W. Defender. Born 6/2/49. Height 5' 8", weight 10st. 11lb. Australian born. Versatile performer who can play on either flank or in midfield. Aggressive performer capable of giving nothing less than 100%. Captain of the St. George club and brother-in-law of Doug Utjesenovic. Occupation - Schoolteacher. Caps 11.

JIMMY TANSEY

Prahran Slavia, Victoria. Left back. Born 8/8/53. Height 6', weight 12st. 4lb. A cultured defender with an immaculate left foot, steady and unflappable. Emerged during the Russian series last year, and has performed well in the sweeper role also. Born in Liverpool, England. Occupation - Service mechanic. Caps 3.

JOHN NYSKOHUS

Lion, South Australia. Forward. Born 16/10/51. Height 6' 6", weight 10st. Australian born, he came into the squad during the Russian series. An aggressive player, very mobile with a talent for snatching goals from nothing. Occupation - Butcher. Caps 2.

TODD CLARKE

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs, N.S.W. Goalkeeper. Born 28/4/51. Height 6', weight 13st. Australian born. After touring with the Under 23 team, came into prominence during the Russian series late last year. Solid and safe and competing fiercely for the first team spot. Now settled in Sydney following his transfer from South Australia. Occupation - Sales Representative. Caps 9.

MURRAY BARNES

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs, N.S.W. Forward. Born 16/1/54. Height 6' 1", weight 11st. 5lb. Australian-born. Another product of the Under 23 tour making his debut against Russia. Tall, powerful in the air and is quicker than his leisurely style indicates. Has scored several spectacular goals in earlier matches. Occupation - Upholsterer. Caps 8.



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Bob hits the side netting



A TOPICAL ROUND-UP

SILVER LININGS OF ROKER CLOUDS

By DOUG WEATHERALL
(Daily Mail)

It is a worrying season for everyone connected with Sunderland football club. But while points are not being piled up, there have been a few "pluses" both to encourage and keep faith. I have found one at recent reserve games. The quality of them has been high, certainly higher than several I have seen in recent seasons. There was not a goal in the Roker Park draw with Hull City Reserves, but the standard of football from both sides was a comfort for officials and an appreciative crowd.

No-one can be prouder of his contributions to the reserve scene than Bobby Moncur. What a professional!

It is the common theory among managers and coaches that the most successful reserve-team players are those without first-team experience; they have the ambition for promotion to fire them.

GRATEFUL ENTHUSIAST

But Bobby has been an exciting exception. Here is a man who has always enjoyed the privilege of being a full-time footballer. And his enthusiasm has never been more obvious than in these reserve games.

He is enjoying playing with the youngsters. Indeed, as one who has watched his play since witnessing his signing for Newcastle United a long, long time ago, I can say that he still plays with the refreshing approach of a youngster.

I certainly have not written off Moncur as first-team material. He has still much to offer.

JEFF'S A GIANT

Another "plus" has been the form of Jeff Clarke and Billy Hughes. I am convinced that there is not now a better centre-half in England than Jeff.

When you remember all the international players who were on the field in Sunderland's last home game, with champions Liverpool, it is a fitting tribute to Jeff that he was the most accomplished defender. Ian MacFarlane hails Jeff as "the best young player in the country" and "the strongest tackler in the game". Even allowing for Colin Todd's brilliant tackling ability, I don't think many would disagree with at least the last claim.

When Jeff goes in for the ball, even in a 60-40 situation against him, you can bet he will get it. That is confirmation of brilliant timing and technique.

Sunderland's Second Division status did not prevent Dave Watson winning more England caps during his Roker days than he has since earned at Manchester City.

The club's struggling position in the First Division should not handicap Jeff's chances of international honours.

Perhaps only Kevin Keegan matched Billy Hughes' forward play in the Liverpool game. It is a year last Saturday since Billy broke a leg at Charlton Athletic, but he proved again against the league leaders that he can be a most exciting player.

If only he and his colleagues would start enjoying a break or two in front of goal....

SHOULDER TO ARMS

Perhaps the opportunity for scoring practice may come tonight, though if Australia have the dedication to their job that Jimmy Shoulder, their Coach, has shown all his career, Sunderland will not find the match easy.

Jimmy, from Esh Winning, County Durham, started as a professional left-back with Sunderland, of course. He showed intelligence on and off the field and acquired a coaching interest comparatively early. It was one well nurtured by George Wardle, the former Middlesbrough player who runs coaching courses at Durham City.

And it was useful when a long-standing injury ended Jimmy's playing career while with Hartlepool.

Welcome back, Jim.



MR. JIMMY SHOULDER is the National Team Coach, and he is also the Assistant Director of Coaching for the Australian Soccer Federation. Mr. Shoulder was appointed Regional Director of Coaching for the Australian Capital Territory in November, 1975, and in April of this year he was appointed Coach of the National Team. He has a wide knowledge of the game, having played as a professional with the famous Sunderland team, and has undertaken many coaching engagements with The Football Association, and is a qualified Full Badge Coach with that Association.



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